Removal of QRs on Maize Export

3850. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR: SHRI
H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to remove Quantitative Restrictions on export of maize; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government has not taken any decision to remove quantitative ceiling on export of maize.

Import of Wood

† 3851. DR A K. PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the quantum of wood imported from foreign countries into India during the last three years;

(b) the cost of the said imported wood;

(c) whether it is a fact that this wood is of cheap quality and below the norms fixed for import;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to order an inquiry into this matter, and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House *(See* below).

(c) Wood has been freely importable since prior to 1996. No quality restrictions for the import of wood have been imposed by the Ministry of Environment and Forests. No incidence of import of cheap quality of timber has come to the notice of that Ministry.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

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† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Import of Wood

Code No.	Item Description	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-2001 (up to Feb. 2001)	
		Qty. (Tons)	Value Rs. crore	Qty. (Tons)	Value Rs. crore	Qty. (Tons)	Value Rs. crore
4401	Fuel wood, in logs, in billets, in twigs, in faggots or in similar forms; Wood in chips or particles; Sawdust and wood waste and scrap; whether or not agglomerated in logs, briquettes, pellets or similar forms	1199	0.46	455	0.40	687	1.40
4403	Wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or sapwood, or roughly squared	1614813 (cubic Metre)	1428.01	1941946 (cubic Metre)	1859.61	1829641 (cubic Metre)	1835.67
4404	Hoopwood, spilt poles, Piles, Pickets and stakes of wood, pointed but not sawn lengthwise; wooden sticks, roughly trimmed but not turned, bent or otherwise worked, suitable for the manufacture of walking-sticks, umbrellas, tool handles or the like; Chipwood and the like	105	0.52	41	0.30	89	0.20
4407	Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planned, sanded or finger-jointed, of a thickness exceding 6 mm		15.03		12.18		14.82
4409	Wood (including strips and friezes for parquet flooring, not assembled) continuously shaped (tongued, grooved, rebated, chamfered, V-jointed, beaded, moulded, rounded or the like) along any of its edges or faces, whether or not planed, sanded or finger-jointed	2136	15.19	170	1.52	226	3.28
	TOTAL		1459.20		1874.01		1855.37

* There are 16 Tariff lines under the heading 4407 and the unit of measurement of quantity is not the same for all these lines.